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Parkview LaGrange Teams Up with Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana

LaGrange, Ind. – June 1, 2015 – Parkview LaGrange Hospital and Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana announced a partnership that will improve assistance to cancer patients and their families in the LaGrange County area. The partnership is funded by a grant through the hospital's Community Health Improvement program.

"We are so pleased to be able to provide people living in LaGrange County with easy access to our client advocates and the help and support they can supply," said Marsha Haffner, M.S.Ed., director of clinical services for Cancer Services. "This effort will also help people living nearby in Noble and Steuben counties."

The advocates will be on site at Parkview LaGrange Hospital every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to meet with cancer patients and their families in space adjacent to the hospital's cancer clinic. The Parkview LaGrange location is the first satellite office outside of Allen County for Cancer Services.

"We are very excited about our partnership with Cancer Services," said Robert Myers, president of Parkview LaGrange Hospital. "It means a great deal to cancer patients and their families to be able to meet person-to-person with a patient advocate who can help them access the resources and equipment they need."

Cancer Resources of Northeast Indiana provides clients and their families with access to supportive counseling, educational workshops, massage, exercise therapy and wigs, hats and scarves, financial assistance for cancer-related expenses, transportation assistance, durable medical equipment loans, and home health care supplies and much more. The goal is to reduce the stress that cancer patients face.

"Parkview is improving care and support for all cancer patients in the region by having our advocates at the clinic and welcoming anyone with cancer living nearby to take advantage of our services regardless of where the patient receives their medical care or where they are at in their cancer journey," Haffner said.

Parkview LaGrange Hospital is a not-for-profit community hospital providing comprehensive inpatient, outpatient, emergency and diagnostic healthcare services and supportive and educational programming for the people of LaGrange County and surrounding communities. Parkview LaGrange is a member of

Parkview Health, a family of hospitals and healthcare services covering a 15-county region in northeastern Indiana and northwestern Ohio.

Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana's mission is to enhance the quality of life of those affected by cancer by providing meaningful resources, information and compassionate assistance. Last year, more than 2,600 local people with cancer and their families received emotional support and practical resources for their cancer journey. Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana helps people who live in Allen, Adams, DeKalb, Huntington, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wabash, Wells, and Whitley counties.

For more information, visit www.cancer-services.org, or call toll free @ (866) 484-9560.

Photo caption:

Laura Markham, patient advocate, talked with Rob Myers about the resources that are available through Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana. Markham is one of two patient advocates who will be working with LaGrange County cancer patients and their families.

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